

## Methimazole for Veterinary Use

### Benefits

- Possible uses include treatment of hyperthyroidism (over-active thyroid).
  - Veterinarians may prescribe medications for off label use, meaning the FDA has not approved the medication to treat that specific condition. Ask your pharmacist or physician if you have any questions regarding the use of the medication.
- The amount of time it takes to see the full effects of the medication varies between each animal. Consult your veterinarian for additional information.

### Side Effects

- Possible side effects include loss of appetite and vomiting.
- Severe side effects are rare but may occur.
  - If the animal experiences a severe side effect while taking this medication, please call your veterinarian immediately.

### Administration

- Always follow the directions on the prescription label on how to give the medication.
- Oral Forms
  - Follow your veterinarian's advice on how to hide the medication in food or talk to your pharmacist.
  - Capsule: swallow whole, do not crush or chew.
  - Tablet: follow the instructions on the prescription
  - Oral liquid: swallow prescribed amount using measuring tool provided.
  - Sublingual tablet: place under the tongue and let tablet dissolve.
- Topical: clean and dry the designated area, then apply the recommended amount of medication to the area and rub in well for 2 minutes. After administration, wash your hands thoroughly to prevent transferring the medication onto others.

### Duty to Warn for Topical Medications

It is possible for topical medications to be transferred on to other individuals through casual contact which can lead to unwanted side effects in those individuals. To prevent their exposure, don't allow skin-to-skin to contact of the treated area with other adults, children or pets. Keep the treated area covered with loose fitting clothing or



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lightly wrapped gauze until the drug is completely absorbed, which can take up to 4 hours.

Hand washing does not remove all the drug residue from your skin. It is best to apply medication with a disposable glove. Ask your pharmacist about any questions or concerns you might have.

#### **Additional Information/Warnings**

- If a dose of this medication is missed, give it as soon as possible. If it is almost time for the next dose, skip the missed dose and go back to the regular dosing schedule. Do not give 2 doses at once. If you have any questions, please contact your veterinarian or pharmacist.
- Before giving this medication, tell your veterinarian about all the medications the animal is currently taking including prescription medications, herbal supplements, vitamins, and over the counter medications.
- Call your veterinarian immediately if the animal is pregnant, intends to become pregnant, or intends to breastfeed. Your veterinarian will need to review the medication's use during pregnancy or breastfeeding.
- Continue to have routine appointments with your veterinarian to assess and monitor the response to the medication and condition as recommended.
- Do not share medication with another animal or person, even if they have the same symptoms.
- The information in this patient advisory leaflet is not intended to cover all possible uses, directions, precautions, drug interactions, or adverse effects. If you have questions about the medicines, you are taking or would like more information, check with your veterinarian or pharmacist.
- This compound medication is customized for the patient and is exclusively available with the prescription from a veterinarian.
- Please refer to receipt for a list of ingredients in the medication.

#### **Storage**

- Refer to the label on your prescription for refrigeration requirements (do not freeze).



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- If refrigeration is NOT required- store medication at room temperature in a cool, dry place. Do not store it in the bathroom, a vehicle, or any other location with varying temperatures or humidity.
- If refrigeration is required, store in the refrigerator out of reach of children.
- Compounded medications are not usually prepared in child resistant containers and should be kept away from children and pets. If you would like to have a lockable zip lock bag for your compounded medications, please call the pharmacy and ask the technician to include child resistant packaging with your refills.
- Unused medications left in the medicine cabinet can be a temptation for children and teenagers. Discard unused medications promptly. Do not flush drugs down the toilet or into the sink drain as they could be hazardous to the environment. Contact your local disposal company for more details about how to safely discard medications when they are expired or no longer needed. Big Red Barrel and Yellow Jug are national drug disposal programs. Visit [www.bigredbarrel.com](http://www.bigredbarrel.com)

#### **Prescription Expiration & Medication Beyond Use Date**

- Refer to the label for the expiration date of the prescription.
  - The prescription expires in two ways:
    - All refills have been used.
    - The prescription has reached the expiration date of one year (or six months for controlled drugs).
  - When a prescription expires, allow plenty of time to visit your veterinarian and for the pharmacist to compound your prescription renewal.
- Refer to the *discard date* or *beyond use date* on your bottle to learn when your medication should be discarded. Compounded medications have a shorter shelf life than those of manufactured drugs. The beyond use date is the longest date we can guarantee full potency of your medication.

**Please contact Valiant Compounding Pharmacy at 734-545-1117 or toll free at 855-466-2583 with any questions, concerns, or for prescription refills.**